Gazetted Officers in the Medical and the P. W. Departments.

72. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the Gazetted Officers in the Medical and the Public Works Departments as at present?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The statements are laid on the table.

Scarcity of water in the Vaikom Town.

73. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of water in the Vaikom town; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Government have taken any step towards the removal of this defect?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. V. MADHAVAN: May I know the steps taken in this matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is under investigation. We have ordered for a pump and when it arrives we will proceed with the matter.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): വൈക്കം ടൗണിൽ വെള്ള ത്തിനു പ്രയാസമുണ്ടെന്ന് മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ട് എത്രനാളായി?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To my knowledge only two months.

PRESIDENT: I have been aware of Vaikom and Kottayam for ten years.

Land ghat at Kuruppamthara.

74. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether formerly an estimate has been prepared and lands surveyed for the construction of land ghat at Kuruppamthara Market terminus;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for neglecting the work; and

(*c*) if not, whether they propose to take the necessary steps for the same in view of the fact that it is an imminent necessity?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Due to the unsuitability of the site originally selected and to the local opposition to the change from that site.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

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MR. K. VARUGHESE ITHAC: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the difficulties of the boat owners in loading and unloading at the place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The main trouble is due to the local opposition. Until the question is settled, we are unable to proceed.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: If there is any dispute, is it not the duty of Government to decide it one way or another?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Government can, but we would rather like the local people to come to some agreement between themselves.

Vaikom-Tirumanivenkitapuram Road.

75 *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the neglected condition of the Vaikom-Tirumanivenkitapuram road and the consequent distress to pedestrian traffic;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of Vetchoor are badly in need of a road from the Vaikom-Vetchoor line to Tirumanivenkitapuram ferry; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that Tirumanivenkitapuram is a traffic ganglion with routes to Shertalai, Alleppey and Ernakulam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No, the road is not in a neglected condition.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Kalithattu at Adoor.

76 *MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether repeated requests have been made by the public, Kunnattur Taluk that the Kalithattu in the heart of the town be removed, it being haunted by beggars suffering from contagious diseases; and

(*b*) what step has hitherto been taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes, one representation.

(*b*) Government have ordered the structure being repaired.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: On a point of order, Sir. In the reply to Mr. Nilakantan's question No. 76 it is stated.

PRESIDENT: But the question has not been reached. The honourable member is putting a supplementary question and then you can raise the point of order.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know from the Government the year in which the representations were made and the persons who made those representations?

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